

## Abstract

Apparatus and method for configuring and monitoring multiple computers coupled to a network . A management computer includes software for monitoring multiple monitored computers such as server computers that are networked together on a network. The management computer includes an aggregator component that accumulates information regarding the multiple monitored computers. A video display displays a result from the aggregator component. Each of the monitored computers implement a schema for responding to queries by the aggregator component of the management computer by providing an access point to information about the monitored computer. In an exemplary embodiment of the invention the schema is implemented using WMI functionality of Windows 2000 ® which is a specific implementation of the Web-  
Based Enterprise Management protocol (WBEM).